

The Messenger.

AN ADMIRABLE REPORT AS TO A SCHOOL HISTORY.

It is a steadily growing sentiment in the south among the old soldiers and the men who lived through the great war between the states, that there must be a fair, truthful, pains-taking record of the war—a bona fide history, written with all due reference to facts involved. It is not to be one-sided. It is not to be a mere southern product, setting forth a highly colored, sectional account of what happened. It is to be a deliberate, systematic, painstaking attempt to tell the truth—the exact, the full truth. It is surely very greatly needed. If it can be done it will be a desideratum and a marvel. We do not know who is equal to such a great, delicate, most interesting task. The south has nothing to be ashamed of in all the great fights from first to last. Turn on the white light of truth upon it all and only "recorded honors shall gather around" its name. The more the facts are known the brighter shines the glory of the south. The more the disparity in resources and numbers is known to the world, the greater the fame of the boys in gray.

Let the history be prepared with all due care and diligence. If the truth-lover can be found who has historic talents of a high order and a style of superior literary excellence all the better for the reader and for posterity.

At the great gathering of the veterans in gray at Nashville, Tenn., recently—a most interesting and heart-stirring event—a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of having a really truthful history prepared—a school history for the south's children—so they might have the precise facts and see in a just light the noble and splendid deeds of the south's warriors. The committee was composed of honorable and brave men, who had risked every thing in the troubled days and upon the ensanguined fields of battle. The committee's report was excellent and remarkable. It showed elevation of character and genuine love of fairness and truth. We quote a little only from an elaborate statement. They say:

"Your committee recognizes that no sectional history is wanted in the schools of this country, and they desire to have no history taught in the schools of the south but what ought to be taught in the schools of the nation everywhere. They would be more than willing to have the facts taught without comment if such a course were possible. But they protest against the presumption of those historians who teach their own views as God's truth on all doubtful questions, and especially where such teaching is of a nature calculated to alienate the affections of the southern people from the nation of which they are loyal citizens. The historian must, indeed, endeavor to write the truth as he sees it. Nothing is to be gained by a colorless compromise of opinions about matters as to which the facts may be ascertained. The teacher must also teach what he believes to be true. For that very reason it is not expected that southern teachers will instruct the children that their fathers were traitors and rebels, and it would be a curse to the nation if they did."

No one can surely object to that. No brave people can refuse to concede all that is stated. The south is not at "the mourner's bench." It did what duty called for, and it suffered deeply and painfully, but sacrifice was the price it paid for honest conviction and for the rights of freemen. The south is in the Union, of the Union, loyal, patriotic, having accepted in the utmost good faith the issues of war and the appeal to the sword. Beaten by great numbers, the southern people abide the events and salute the American flag as their insignia of power, of restoration, of liberty. The able and self-respecting committee say this, and it will appeal to every just mind, every elevated soul, whether he wore the blue or stood by the north insympathy:

"It is not to be expected that those who fought on the southern side will admit that they were wrong simply because they were beaten, or that the highest and noblest purposes of their lives are worthy of the execration of mankind. The nation cannot afford to have the people of the south lose their self-respect, or the future citizens of that large and most promising section of the country brought up with that pride in their ancestors which leads to honorable and patriotic action. Those who endeavor to undermine the faith of the southern youth in their ancestors, and to perpetuate teaching in this country which indicates a noble people, an integral part of the nation, for treason and rebellion, are the real enemies of the republic—the plotters against its glory, and the perpetuation of its liberties. How shortsighted are those who think it contributes to the glory of the union soldier to make odious the brave men they overcame. Remembering the victories of both, each army is made more glorious by every deed of valor, every act of pure and consecrated heroism exhibited by the other. The soldier of the union having the prestige of success can afford to be generous in this matter. They have, of all others, most to lose by invoking upon the southern soldier the condemnation of history."

Let the history be written. A fair, equal, truthful history of the war will be an achievement worthy of the south—worthy of the cause that was lost.

To prevent pale and delicate children from lapsing into chronic invalids later in life, they should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla together with plenty of wholesome food and out-door exercise. What they need to build up the system is good red blood.

A coal famine is regarded as certain in the north, and soon. Well, they can stand it with the thermometer high up and ready to jump higher.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

The "Gadshill" Dickens, edited by Andrew Lang, is an announcement. Several volumes have been published already. Dickens holds his own excellently amid the great multitude of new writers whose name is legion.

Professor George Saintsbury's new work he is editing and partly writing on "Periods of European Literature" is going ahead. He has published a volume by himself on "The Flourishing of Romance and Rise of Allegory." Professor Burgess's much canvassed volume on "The Middle Period"—1817-1858—is a part of another series known as "American History Series." The previous volumes are "The Colonial Era," by Professor G. P. Fisher—"The French War and the Revolution," by Professor William M. Sloane, Ph. D.—"The Making of the Nation," by General Francis A. Walker. We should have said when referring to Professor Saintsbury that he is probably the best informed, all round, man of letters in Great Britain. He is marvellously well read, and in European Continental authors as in his own.

We mentioned that the celebrated Professor Jowett, of Oxford university, did not think very highly of Robert Browning's poetry, but liked the man. He was visited by the poet and afterwards regarded him as a personal friend. He was greatly drawn towards the manly, urbane, sweet character he found in the poet. He left this on record:

"It is impossible to speak without enthusiasm of his open, generous nature and his great ability and knowledge. I had no idea that there was a perfectly sensible poet in the world, entirely free from vanity, jealousy, or any other littleness, and thinking no more of himself than if he were an ordinary man. His great energy is very remarkable, and his determination to make the most of the remainder of life."

Novels come from the press every day, the number produced each year counts by thousands. One who reads the new novels cannot be too careful in selection. We read few new novels, and have not the time to re-read some of the great standard novels the recollection of which gives us uncommon pleasure. The critics every month write of novels just out that are much praised and exalted. The New York Tribune that gives particular attention to its literary department praises George Gissing's "The Whirlpool" as a "powerful study of London life." Carlyle's rule to wait two years before reading a new book is more and more a necessity—a wise rule.

Hopkinson Smith has a new novel called "Caleb Wheat." Quiller-Couch is to finish Stevenson's unfinished novel, "St. Ives." Hazardous! Richard Mansfield has a novel to be published entitled "Blown Away." He is the actor we think. Crawford's new novel, "A Rose of Yesterday," is considered clever and of his usual good level gauge. He is very prolific but knows how to interest. Nelson Page has a "novellette" out called "The Old Gentleman of the Black Stock." His best work was probably done years ago, "The Martian" is read and praised. We read it with interest. It has a tender charm and the characters are admirably drawn. We are not sure, however, that it measures up to the other two stories from his delightful pen. His touch is fine, his brightness and liveliness most striking, his sketch of character strong and secure. We may write more at length at another day.

In June in the literary centres—some twenty or twenty-five cities, the novels that led in sales were as follows: "The Choir Invisible" and "Quo Vadis" away ahead and a tie. Of these kind both must be remarkable, but we have not read them. The third was "Soldiers of Fortune," fourth "Miss Archer," fifth "A Story of Teller's Pack," and "Ziska" and "Lad's Love" tie for the sixth place. Nansen's "Farthest North" outsells all books not novels. "American Lands and Letters" also sell well. A new novel has a rapid run for a month or two and then drops behind, and with most of them are soon forgotten. Of novels of the year we suppose "Quo Vadis" is beyond doubt the most important. The New York Evangelist says: "We have admired the genius of the author heretofore. We shall now have an affection for him as one who has made plain the loveliness of the early Christian faith and character."

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HOME FOLKS.

In August the confederate veterans will hold a reunion at Wrightsville. It is a nice, pleasant place for the meeting, and we hope the scarred southern men of valor will be in strong force and will have a most pleasurable time. God bless the veterans, now all old men or near the line.

There is room for still other high schools in North Carolina. There ought to be twice as many of both sexes at the foremost schools in the next scholastic year than there was in the one but recently ended.

We agree with our esteemed contemporary at Charlotte, The Observer, in this:

"The truth is that there is more than enough room in North Carolina for all its educational institutions, and after all our protestations in favor of the education of the people we should be ashamed to be found in an attitude of

antagonism to any institution which educates them, whether this attitude were taken openly or secretly."

The high schools, academies, (we believe some are left) and colleges of both sexes were better patronized during the last scholastic year than in the previous year, as is our recollection. Considering the low prices, the business prostration, that record is very remarkable. It shows that the people are bent on giving their daughters and sons the best possible schooling. Whatever a girl or lad learns is his. Neither poverty nor misfortune can deprive him of what he gathers and stores in the library of the mind. God only can deprive the educated, book-lover of what he has. Once obtained you have a rich treasury indeed. The great Thomas Carlyle, one of the two or three greatest writers and thinkers of our century, once said this: "The true university of these days is a collection of books." Educate the boys and girls if you would perpetuate a high civilization and have noble men and women who will uphold the ancient renown of the south. It has such a renown in spite of jibes and denials to the contrary.

Our good friend, Colonel Julian S. Carr, who is always trying to help the state or some person in distress, is at Denver, Col., attending a gold mining convention. The Republican, the leading paper of its party in Colorado, has a long and pleasant description of our generous North Carolinian. We make an extract:

"One of the most interesting figures of the convention is Colonel J. S. Carr, president of the great Durham Tobacco Company, president of the First National Bank or Durham, North Carolina; a millionaire through the work of his own hands and brains; an ex-Confederate soldier, who fought through the war to Appomattox in Wade Hampton's celebrated cavalry legion, and then as a cavalryman was forced to walk to his home in North Carolina, where he arrived without a dollar in his pocket, with home and friends lost and dead, and started with nothing but his hands and his pluck to restore the fortunes he had lost. Mr. Carr has succeeded, as is shown by the fact that he carries in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, a policy for \$500,000, the largest single policy ever written in the history of life insurance in the United States; and is at the head of a business which has attained enormous proportions and which is still growing."

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SNAPS.

Breckinridge was the event in the boisterous convention in Kentucky.

Many early deaths from heart disease of athletes are known to occur each year.

The powers who stand off and do nothing in Europe are now aptly characterized, says the New York Tribune, as "the European chain gang."

A rude, boisterous Havana paper has attacked General Lee, the consul general. It will stir the American blood. They may murder him yet.

General Gordon will attend the unveiling of the General Logan monument. That is right. "Let us have peace," said the illustrious Grant fifteen years ago.

The country used to have a rest after a campaign. Politics dominated for a few months and then quiet and work followed. But for three or four years it is politics all the time, and evils come out of it. Too much of it is a real curse.

All the newspapers are very busy now hunting hard for prosperity. They wish to prosper themselves and desire to see their friends and patrons prospering. It is all right to hunt and it will be joy to find.

The Messenger puts but little hope or confidence in the national agreement business as to bimetalism. If silver is not restored to its place under the constitution until England brings it about it will be deferred into the next century, we doubt not.

Some of the northern papers resent the declaration that this country feels kindly toward Great Britain. They say it is quite otherwise. There are thousands of southern men who do regard that great nation with growing kindness, and some with undisguised admiration.

The New York Evening Post has a kind word for the striking miners in saying, what all right minded people must agree to, that "the western coal miners ought to receive more than 60 cents per ton for digging coal out of the bowels of the earth is universally conceded as a moral proposition."

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the unveiling of a monument erected by the state of Illinois in honor of Major General John A. Logan, in Chicago on the 22nd instant. General Logan was a very gallant, efficient soldier, served the north faithfully, was an honest man in politics and deserves to be respected by the south.

When you read of the two negro outrages in Georgia reported in yesterday's Messenger, it looks as if the negroes—the mean part of them—were growing bolder and more rapacious in their assaults upon white children and women. It is horrible to read some of the accounts. Sentimentality will never intimidate treacherous brutes.

STATE PRESS.

In every county in North Carolina, last Monday, a school committee was to have been elected for each township, who were to have complete control of the schools for said townships. Upon the character of the men appointed to these positions will depend the success or the failure of the schools, to a large extent; not only this, but the fate of the school election in August depends largely upon them. People are not going to vote to tax themselves for schools when they know the money is going to be handled by incompetent committees. We trust that good men have been appointed to every township in the state—men who are earnest advocates of common schools, and that our public schools for the next three years will be better than we have ever had before.—Aberdeen Telegram.

North Carolina has never in any one administration held so many important foreign appointments—General Ransom, minister to Mexico; Professor Alexander, minister to Greece; Mr. Jenkins, consul general to Shanghai, succeeding Mr. Jones, of Wake county, who died in the service; General Roberts, consul to Victoria; Mr. Avery, vice consul at Shanghai; Mr. Eure, vice consul to Victoria; Mr. Little, consul to Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Mr. Jenkins, consul at Patmos; Mr. Robert Ransom and Mr. William J. Andrews, secretaries of legation in Mexican mission—in all ten representatives from this state. No one has been appointed to succeed Mr. Little or Mr. Jenkins. They, with Mr. Avery and Mr. Eure, as was General Roberts, are within the classified service.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Why the board, consisting of the clerk of the court, register, and county commissioners, should have placed a colored man on the board of education, is a matter we cannot understand, if their purpose was to best serve the educational interest of the people, whose servants they are. * * * If the negro is good enough to sit with the white man as a member of the school committee, that controls the white and colored schools, why are not his children good enough to go to the same school with the white children? Where is the difference? This end will eventually come if this course is persistently pursued. But it cannot, it must not, come. The white people who think anything of themselves will never submit to it, the good colored people do not desire it, but office loving, money-seeking, pig-hunting hordes may not only submit, but encourage it, in order to advance their selfish ends. Had this board appointed only white men, the best of the different parties, it would have immortalized itself and our county would have reaped a rich reward. Educational advantages and benefits would have been received by all our people, white and colored alike. We say this because we believe that the colored people would have had all the privileges allowed them under democratic rule, not the least of which was that of controlling their own schools.—Rockingham Rocket.

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Two Ladies Assaulted by a Negro.

Richmond, Va., July 15.—Police this morning captured Joseph Pife, colored, 20 years old, on suspicion of having attempted to outrage two white women yesterday. In the morning a negro went to the house of Mrs. W. V. Marks, of East Franklin street, and finding her alone, tried to assault her. She fought him desperately and the noise of several children in an adjoining yard frightened the man away. Later in the day Miss Anna Russell, of Norfolk, who is on a visit here, was attacked by a negro on Chestnut Hill, but her screams frightened him off. This morning both women identified Pife, though he makes a denial. He is in jail and will be brought before a special grand jury tomorrow.



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In Dress Goods, 34 inches, and new styles, worth 15c and 20c, to close at 10c. Dress Plaids, 36 inches wide, in bright colors, for children, at 7c. Beautiful Black Cashmere, 30 inches wide, at 20c. F. F. Cashmere at 25c. Silkin, 36 inches wide, at 25c. Brilliantine, 36 inches wide, at 25, 35 and 40c. Fine Dress Suitings that I bought from Mr. McIntyre I am selling about one-half he asked for them and that discount is your gain. Beautiful Silkalene, all colors at 10c.

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Ladies' Shoes—A few more very fine Shoes in small sizes and narrow last A B C and D, best shoes made, worth from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a pair, my price to close this job, \$1.15 a pair; about 100 pair on hand. Woman's patent tip button Shoes, a job at 63c, better goods, all solid, at 85c and \$1.00. Beautiful Shoes in common sense patent tips, the old ladies' styles and all the pretty Shoes, as well as the comfortable Shoes at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. We are no snobs in the Shoe business. We carry about 4,000 pair of shoes at all times and we are selling a nice Shoe trade. We can save you money on your Shoe bills, both wholesale and retail.

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